**Declarer Play**

**Challenge**

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Set 1

87-90

Play Commentary

Teams Scoring Throughout

**B. Entry Management**

**Problem 7**

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| **7.** | ♠ 7 2 |  |
|  | ♥ 8 4 3 |  |
|  | ♦ A K Q 7 5 2 |  |
|  | ♣ 8 4 |  |
| ♠ K 9 8 4 3 | **N** | ♠ Q 6 5 |
| ♥ A J 10 | **W E** | ♥ 9 7 6 5 |
| ♦ 4 | ♦ J 10 8 3 |
| ♣ J 9 6 3 | **S** | ♣ Q 10 |
|  | ♠ A J 10 |  |
|  | ♥ K Q 2 | 9 |
|  | ♦ 9 6 | 9 5 |
|  | ♣ A K 7 5 2 | 17 |

You Are South And In 3NT

West Leads The ♠4

T1 goes:

♠4 ♠5 ♠Q ♠A

**Play :**

You can see the ♠2 in dummy so west's spades are no longer than a 5-card suit.

With ♠J 10 remaining you have a second stop.

Total Immediate Tricks:

♠2 : ♥0 : ♦3 : ♣2 = 7

Deficit = 2

2 additional diamond tricks will see you home.

It is tempting to bash out the ♦ A K & Q on the basis that you expect the suit to break 3-2 (68%).

On a good day that works.

But 4-1 occurs 28% of the time and today is one of them.

With no other entry to dummy you will fail.

Needing only 2 extra diamond tricks make the safety play of ducking the first diamond to cater for the 4-1 break.